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I'm just a very little book,
As friendly as can be,
And glad as anything to think
That you are reading me.

FAITH BALDWIN





Mother and Baby
Mother sat by the cradle.
Baby was in the cradle.
Mother sang,
“Bye, bye, Baby, bye!
Shut your little eye.”



Father called, "Mother! Mother!"
Mother said, "Sh, sh!" and sang,
"Bye, bye, Baby, bye!
Shut your little eye."



Peter called, "Mother! Mother!"
Mother said, "Sh, sh!" and sang,
"Bye, bye, Baby, bye!
Shut your little eye."



Polly and Dolly

Polly sat by the cradle.

Her dolly was in the cradle.

Polly sang to her dolly,

“Bye, my dolly, bye!

Shut your little eye.”



Sister called, "Polly! Polly!
I want you. I want you."
Polly said, "Sh, sh, Sister!
You will wake my dolly."
Polly sang to her dolly,
"Bye, my dolly, bye!
Shut your little eye."



Father said, "Polly, I want you."
Polly said, "Sh, sh, sh, Father!
You will wake my dolly."
"Bye, my dolly, bye!
Shut your little eye."



Mother called, "Polly! Polly!
I want you, Polly, I want you."
Polly kissed her dolly and said,
"I am coming, Mother, I am coming."

Stand

Stand by the cradle.

Stand by Mother.

Stand by Father.

Stand by Baby.

Stand behind Polly.

Stand behind Sister.

Stand behind Father.

Stand behind Peter.

Stand behind the cradle.

Peter, stand by Mother.

Sister, stand by Father.

Mother, stand by Baby.

Polly, stand by Sister.



The Apple Man

The Girl

The Apple Man is coming
down the street!

The Apple Man is coming
down the street!

The Boy

The Apple Man is coming
down the street!

The Apple Man is coming!
The Apple Man is coming!



The Girl

I want a sweet apple.

I want a red apple.

The Boy

I want a sweet apple.

I want a red apple.

The Apple Man

Apples! Apples! Apples!

Sweet red apples! Who will buy?

Sweet red apples! Who will buy?



The Girl

I will buy your sweet red apples.
I will buy your sweet red apples.

The Apple Man

Who will eat my apples sweet?
Who will eat my apples sweet?

The Boy

I will eat your apples sweet.
I will eat your apples sweet.

The Apple Man

Apples! Apples! Apples!

Good apples, sweet apples!

Good apples, red apples!

Who will buy my good apples?

Who will buy my sweet apples?

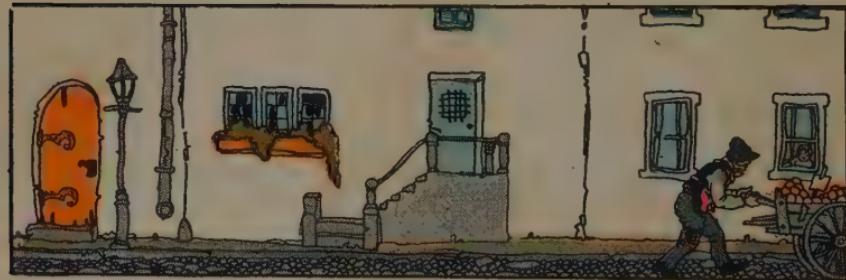
Who will buy my red apples?

Little boys, come and buy!

Little girls, come and buy!

Come and buy!

Come and buy!



Who?

Who was in the cradle?

Who sat by the cradle?

Who sang to the baby?

Who called, "Mother, Mother"?

Who sang to her dolly?

Who said, "Sh, sh, Sister"?

Who called to Polly?

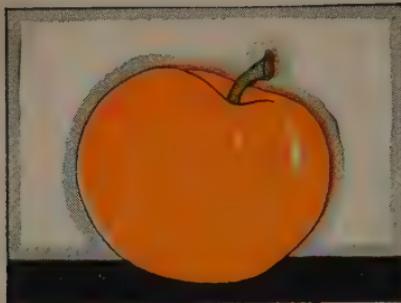
Who kissed her dolly?

Who said, "I am coming,

Mother, I am coming"?

Who came down the street?

Who called, "Sweet apples,
red apples"?



Draw

Draw a big apple.

Draw a little apple.

Draw the boy.

Draw the girl.

Draw the apple man
coming down the street.

Draw a big apple
and make it red.

Draw a little apple
and make it red.



Guess Again

Grandmother sat by the door.

A sweet little voice called,

“Grandmother, hide your eyes.

Grandmother, hide your eyes.”

The sweet little voice said,
“Grandmother, Grandmother,
who stands behind you?”

“Father stands behind me,”
said Grandmother.

“No, guess again, Grandmother,
guess again, Grandmother!”
said the sweet little voice.

“Mother stands behind me,”
said Grandmother.

“No, no, no, Grandmother!
Guess again, guess again!
Who stands behind you?”

“A good little boy called Peter
stands behind me.”

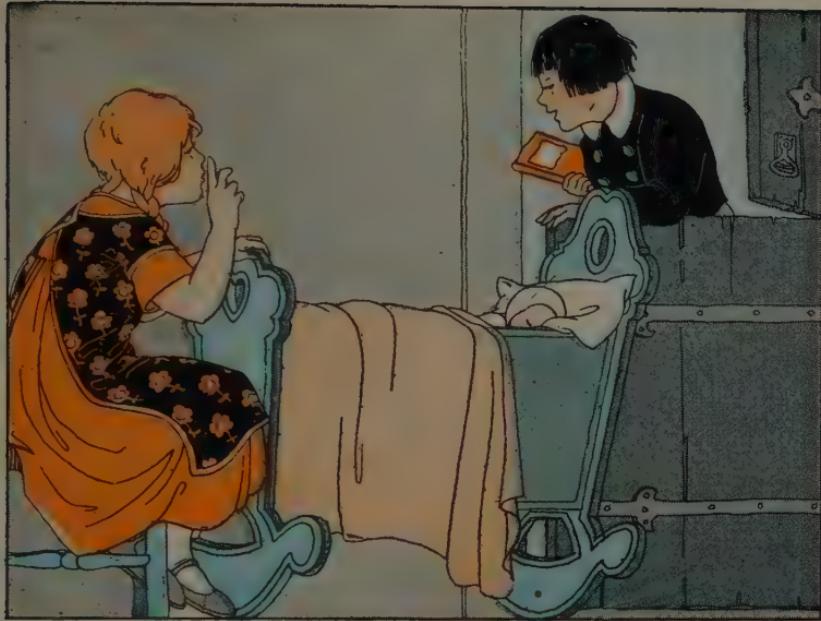


“No, no, no! Guess again!
Guess again, Grandmother!
Who stands behind you?”
said the sweet little voice.
Then Grandmother said,
“A good little girl called Polly
stands behind me.”



Sister

One day Mother was away.
Sister sat by the cradle
and sang to the baby,
“Oh, Baby dear!
Sister is near.”



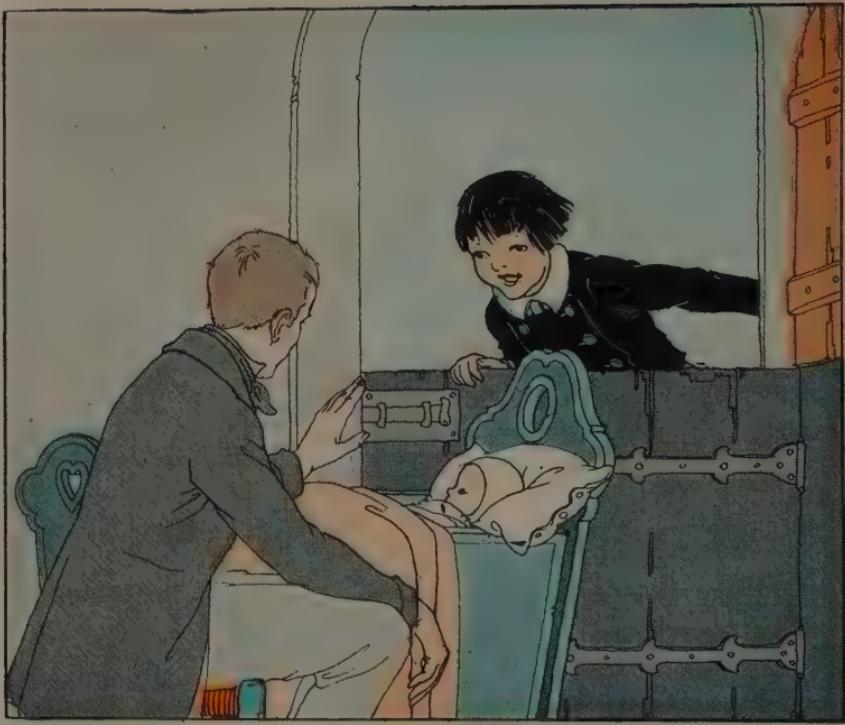
Brother came to the door and said,
"Sister, Sister, I want my mother."
Sister said, "Sh, sh, sh, Brother!
You will wake Baby. Mother is away."
Then Sister sang to Baby,
"Oh, Baby dear!
Sister is near."



Father came to the door
and called, "Sister, Sister,
I want your mother."
Sister said, "Sh, sh, sh, Father!
You will wake Baby. Mother is away."



Then Father sat down
by the cradle and sang
to the baby,
“Oh, Baby dear,
Father is near.”



Brother ran to the door
and called to Father,
“Mother is coming home!
Mother is coming home!”
“Oh, Father,” said Sister,
“Mother is coming home!”



Then Sister ran to the door
and kissed Mother.

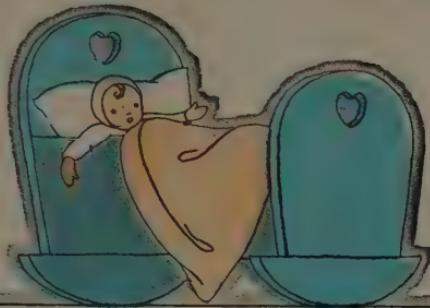
Brother ran to Mother
and kissed her.

Mother came in and kissed
the baby.



See and Do

1. Sit near the cradle.
2. Sing to the baby.
3. Sing, "Bye, bye, Baby, bye!"
4. Sing, "Shut your little eye."
5. Put the cradle near the door.
6. Put little dolly in the cradle.
7. Sing, "Bye, my dolly, bye!"
8. Kiss your dolly and sit down.
9. Shut your little eyes.



Read and Draw

1. Draw a cradle.
2. Draw Baby in the cradle.
3. Draw Father near the cradle.
4. Draw a door near the cradle.
5. Draw Mother near the door.
6. Draw a little cradle.
7. Draw dolly in the cradle.
8. Draw Polly by the cradle.
9. Draw Peter near the door.

Play

Play you are Grandmother
and sit near the door.

Play you are Mother
and sit by the cradle.

Play you are Polly
and sing to your dolly.

Play you are Father
coming home.

Play you are Peter
and go to the door.

Play you are the Apple Man
and come down the street.

Play you are Peter
and buy a red apple.



Hide and Seek

My grandmother looked
down the street and saw
Father coming home.

She said, "Father is coming,
Father is coming home."



Then Peter ran out to the street.
He called, "Father! Father!
Please play hide and seek."

Polly ran to the door
and kissed her father.

She said, "Oh, Father dear,
please play hide and seek!"



Father covered his eyes and said,
“Yes, yes, Polly, I will play
hide and seek.”

Mother said, “Peter, my dear,
you hide behind the cradle.
Grandmother, Grandmother,
you hide behind the door.
And Polly, little girl,
you hide in the cradle.”



Mother covered Polly up
in the cradle. Then she called,
“Come, Father, come!”

Father came in and looked
and looked and looked.
He looked again and again.

Then Father saw little Peter
behind the cradle and called,

“One, two, three,
Peter I see!”

Then Father looked again
and saw Polly covered up
in the cradle.

He called out,

“One, two, three,
Polly I see!”

“Where is Grandmother?
Where is she? Where is she?”
said Father.

“Oh, Grandmother is near.
She is near,” said Mother.



Father looked and looked
again and again and again.
Then he saw Grandmother
behind the door and called out,
“One, two, three,
Grandmother I see !
“One, two, three,
Grandmother I see !”

Read. Think. Do

Stand behind the door.

Stand behind a girl.

Stand behind a boy.

Sit near the door.

Go to the door and open it.

Go to the door and shut it.

Open the door and then sit down.

Shut the door and then stand by it.

Go to the door and come away.

Open the door and come away.

Go and stand by the door.

Put the cradle near the door.

Put the dolly in the cradle.



Read. Think. Answer

1. Who came down the street?
2. What did he call out?
3. What kind of apples did he have?
4. What kind did the boy want?
5. What kind did the girl want?
6. Did Father play hide and seek?
7. Where did Peter hide?
8. Where did Polly hide?
9. Who covered Polly up?
10. Where did Grandmother hide?
11. Who called, "Come, Father, come"?

Who Am I?

Who am I? Who am I?

I came down the street.

I walked by your door

and called, "Good apples, sweet apples!

Come and buy! Come and buy!

Sweet apples, good apples, red apples!

Come and buy! Come and buy!"

Who am I? Who am I?

Mother went away one day.

I sat by the cradle

and sang to Baby Brother.

When Mother came home

I kissed her.

Who am I? Who am I?

Grandmother saw me coming home.

Peter ran out of the house
and called to me.

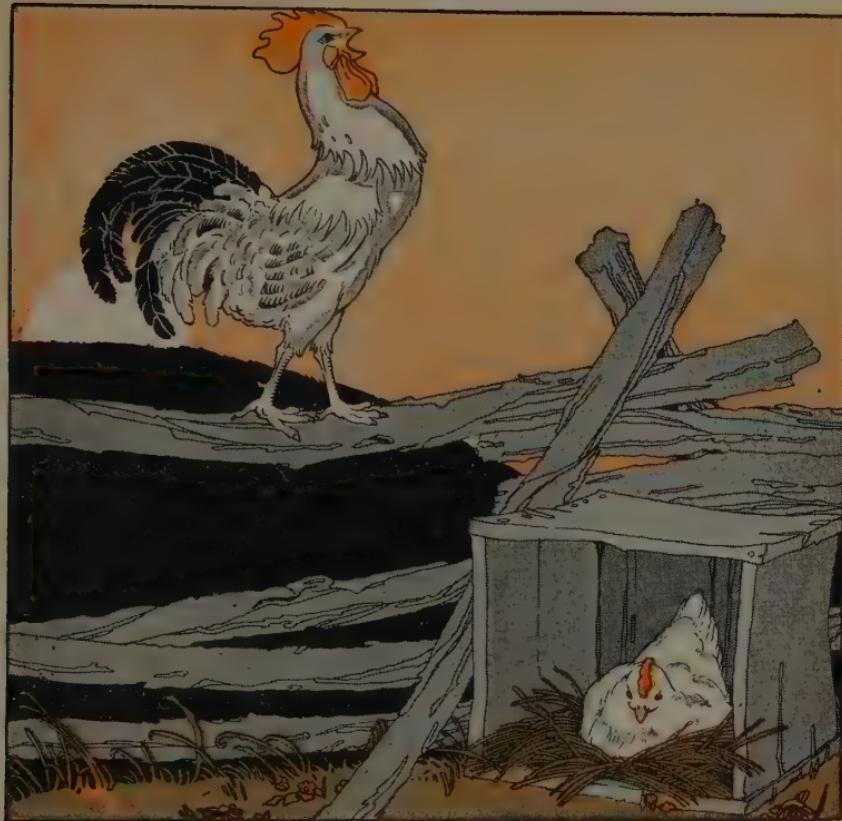
Polly ran out of the house
and kissed me.

I covered my eyes and said,
“Yes, I will play hide and seek.”

Who am I? Who am I?

One morning I sang to my dolly.
Sister and Father called me,
Mother called to me too.

I kissed my dolly and said,
“I am coming, Mother.”



Me
The rooster crows
To wake me up.
The hen lays eggs
For my egg cup.

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Morning

1. A Sleepy Little Boy

One morning a sleepy little boy
did not wake up



His mother called, "Wake up,
wake up, my sleepy little boy!"
But he did not hear her.



2. The Dog

“Bow-wow, bow-wow, bow-wow!
I will wake Sleepy Head,”
said the little dog.

Sleepy Head did not wake up.
He did not hear the dog.

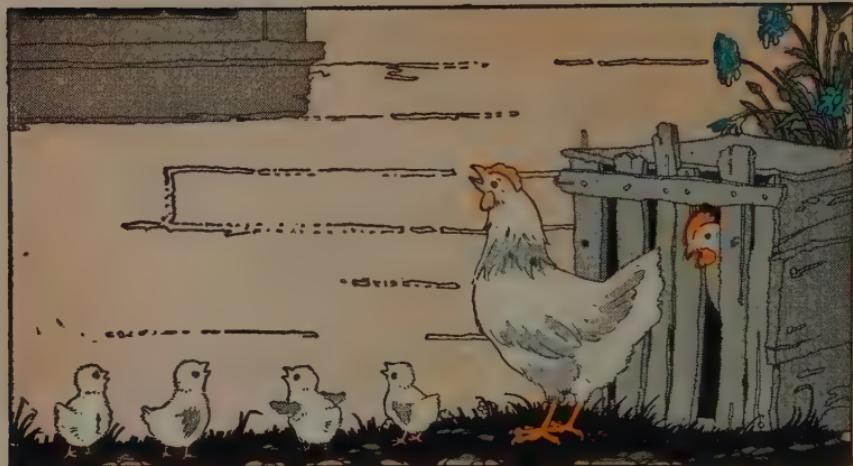
“That boy is a Sleepy Head.
He will not wake up,”
said the little dog.



3. The Rooster

“Cock-a-doodle-doo!
Cock-a-doodle-doo!
I will wake Sleepy Head,”
called the rooster.

Still Sleepy Head did not wake.
He did not hear the rooster.
“That boy is a Sleepy Head.
He did not hear me,”
said the rooster.



4. The Hen

“Cluck, cluck, cluck!
I will wake Sleepy Head,”
said the hen.

Still Sleepy Head did not wake.
He did not hear the hen.

“That boy is a Sleepy Head.
He did not hear my cluck, cluck,”
said the hen.



5. The Cat

“Meow, meow, meow, meow!
I will wake that Sleepy Head,”
said the cat.

Still Sleepy Head did not wake.
He did not hear the cat.

“That boy is a Sleepy Head.
He did not hear me,” said the cat.



6. The Wind

The wind called, "Oo, oo, oo!
I will wake Sleepy Head."
Still Sleepy Head did not wake.
He did not hear the wind.
"That boy is a Sleepy Head.
He did not hear me," said the wind.



7. The Sun

“I will wake Sleepy Head.
I will wake that sleepy boy,”
said the sun.

Then the sun shone and shone.
It shone in his eyes and woke
little Sleepy Head.



The sleepy little boy called,
"Good morning, Mother dear!
Good morning!
The sun shone in my eyes.
The sun woke me, Mother."



Play Again

You may be Sleepy Head.

You may be Mother.

Mother called, "Wake up, wake up!"

You may be the little dog.
The dog said, "Bow-wow."
You may be the cat.
The cat said, "Meow, meow."
You may be the rooster.
He said, "Cock-a-doodle-doo."
You may be the hen.
She said, "Cluck, cluck."
You may be the wind.
The wind said, "Oo, oo, oo!"
You may be the sun.
The sun said, "I will wake
that boy."
Sleepy Head woke and called,
"Good morning, Mother!"



Draw Again

1. Draw a hill.
2. Draw a house on the hill.
3. Make the house brown.
4. Put one door in the house.
5. Put two windows in the house.
6. Draw the walk to the house.

Read Quickly

One day	again and again
One morning	by the cradle
two windows	in the house
my egg cup	hide and seek
is coming	for my egg cup
went away	shone and shone
called out	that sleepy boy
behind me	woke me up
am coming	on the hill
is near	down the street
lays eggs	on the street
sit down	in his eyes
came away	near the cradle
went home	did not hear me



Wee Baby Brother

Father

Out on the hill there stands
A little brown house
All covered with roses.

Child

What is in the little brown house?

Father

A wee white cradle.

Child

A wee white cradle
In a little brown house
All covered with roses
Out on the hill.

Father

Out on the hill there stands
A little brown house
All covered with roses.

Child

What is in the cradle?

Father

A wee, wee baby.





Child

A wee, wee baby
In a wee white cradle
In a little brown house
All covered with roses
Out on the hill.



Father

Out on the hill there stands
A little brown house
All covered with roses.

Child

Who sits and sings
To the wee, wee baby?

Father

A dear, sweet mother.

Child

A dear, sweet mother
Sits and sings
To a wee, wee baby
In a wee white cradle
In a little brown house
All covered with roses
Out on the hill.

Father

Out on the hill there stands
A little brown house
All covered with roses.

Child

What mother sits and sings?

Father

Your dear, sweet mother.

Child

My dear, sweet mother
Sits and sings
To my wee baby brother
In a wee white cradle
In a little brown house
All covered with roses
Out on the hill.

Father

Your dear, sweet mother
Sits and sings
To your wee baby brother
In a wee white cradle
In a little brown house
All covered with roses
Out on the hill.



Read. Think. Answer

Who called to Sleepy Head first?

Did he wake up?

What woke Sleepy Head?

How did the sun wake him?

Where was the little brown house?

What made the house pretty?

What was in the little brown house?

What was in the wee white cradle?

Who sat by the cradle and sang?

Was the wee baby a girl?

Read Quickly

with roses	sits and sings
there stands	covered with roses
All covered	out on the hill
called first	two windows
am coming	to wake me up
that boy	wee baby brother
Mother sang	to the baby
Father said	in the cradle
Sister said	kissed my dolly
went away	wake my dolly
One day	to Sleepy Head
my egg cup	said the sun
I walked	said the wind
came away	I want you



Billy Boy Seeks His Fortune

1. The Dog and the Cat

Billy Boy had no father.

He had no mother and no home.

So one morning he went off
to seek his fortune.



On the way he met Black Dog.

“Bow-wow!” said Black Dog.

“Where are you going, Billy Boy?”

“I am going to seek my fortune.”

“May I go too?” said Black Dog.

“Yes, come along, come along,”
said Billy Boy.

So Black Dog followed on
behind Billy Boy.



By and by they met Pussy Cat.

“Meow, meow, meow!” said Pussy Cat.

“Where are you going, Billy Boy?”

“I am going to seek my fortune,”
said Billy Boy.

“May I go too?” said Pussy Cat.

“Yes, come along, come along.”

So Pussy Cat followed on
behind Black Dog.

Black Dog followed on
behind Billy Boy.

2. The Rooster, the Hen, and the Duck

Billy Boy, Black Dog,
and Pussy Cat walked on
down the road.

Just then they met Red Rooster.
“Cock-a-doodle-doo!
Cock-a-doodle-doo!
Where are you going, Billy Boy?”
said Red Rooster.
“I am going to seek my fortune,”
said Billy Boy.
“May I go too?” said Red Rooster.
“Yes, come along, come along.
My friends are going with me,”
said Billy Boy.

So Red Rooster followed on
behind Pussy Cat.

Pussy Cat followed on
behind Black Dog.

Black Dog followed on
behind Billy Boy.

A little way down the road
they met Brown Hen.

“Cluck, cluck, cluck, cluck!
Where are you going, Billy Boy?”
said Brown Hen.

“I am going to seek my fortune,
and my friends are going with me.”

“May I go too?” said Brown Hen.

“Yes, come along,” said Billy Boy.

Just then White Duck came by.

“Quack, quack!” said White Duck.

“Where are you going, Billy Boy?”

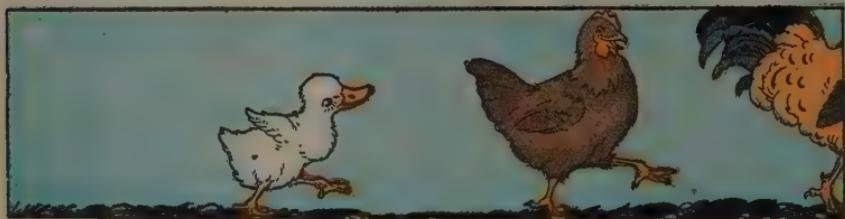
“I am going to seek my fortune,
and my friends are going with me.”

“May I go too?” said White Duck.

“Yes, come along,” said Billy Boy.

On down the road they walked.

First came Billy Boy, then the dog,
then the cat, then the rooster,
then the hen, and last of all
the duck.





3. The Pony and the Cow

On down the road went Billy Boy
and his friends.

Just then a pony came by and said,
“Where are you going, Billy Boy?”

“I am going to seek my fortune,
and my friends are going with me,”
said Billy Boy.



“ May I go too ? ” said the pony.
“ You may ride on my back,
Billy Boy.”

“ Oh, thank you, good Pony.
I will ride on your back,”
said Billy Boy.

So up he jumped and off
down the road went the pony
with Billy Boy on his back.

And his friends followed on
behind the pony.



Just then they met a cow.

“Moo, moo!” said the cow.

“Where are you going, Billy Boy?”

“I am going to seek my fortune,
and my friends are going with me.”

“May I go too?” said the cow.

“Yes, come along,” said Billy Boy.

On and on and on they went.
First came Billy Boy on the pony.
Then the dog followed the pony.
Then the cat followed the dog.
Then the rooster followed the cat.
Then the hen followed the rooster.
Then the duck followed the hen.
And then the cow, last of all,
followed on behind the duck.





4. Night

By and by night came on
and it was dark, very dark.

Billy Boy was afraid of the dark
and stopped the pony.

He said, "The night is dark,
and I am afraid."

Black Dog said,
“You are not afraid, Billy Boy.
You can throw stones.”

“Yes, I can throw stones.
I am not afraid,” said Billy Boy.

“I can bark, Billy Boy,
I can bark,” said the dog.

“I can meow, Billy Boy,
I can meow,” said the cat.

“I can crow, Billy Boy,
I can crow,” said the rooster.

“And I can quack, Billy Boy,
I can quack,” said the duck.

“I can cluck, Billy Boy,
I can cluck,” said the hen.

“I can kick, Billy Boy,
I can kick,” said the pony.

“I can moo, Billy Boy,
I can moo,” said the cow.

“Then come along with me.
I am not afraid of the dark,”
said Billy Boy.

On down the road they went.
First of all came Billy Boy
on the pony, then came the dog,
then the cat followed the dog,
then the rooster followed the cat,
then the hen followed the rooster,
then the duck followed the hen,
and the cow followed on last of all.



5. A Great Noise

Black Dog stopped and said,
“Bow-wow! I hear a noise.”

Billy Boy stopped the pony,
and his friends stopped too.

“We hear a noise,” they said.
“What is it, Billy Boy?”

“What a great noise!” said the cat.
“It may be a wolf,” said Billy Boy.
Just then a wolf called out,
“Ow-oo! Ow-oo! Ow-oo! Ow-oo!”
The wolf was not far away.

“Bow-wow, bow-wow, bow-wow !
Who is afraid of that wolf?”

“I am not afraid of that wolf,”
said Billy Boy.

“We are not afraid, Mr. Wolf,”
called Billy Boy and his friends.

“Ow-oo!” the wolf called again.

Then Black Dog began to bark.
Billy Boy began to throw stones.

Pussy Cat began to meow.

Red Rooster began to crow.

White Duck began to quack.

Brown Hen began to cluck.

The pony began to kick.

The cow began to moo.



The wolf said, "What a noise!
What a great noise! I am afraid.
A dog is near, a dog is near.
I hear his 'Bow-wow, bow-wow!'
The dog is not my friend.
I will go far, far away."

So off ran the wolf into the dark.
And Billy Boy and his friends
did not hear his “Ow-oo!” again.

“The wolf will not come back.
I will ride on,” said Billy Boy
to his friends.

“Then we will go with you,”
they all said.

So his friends followed on
behind the pony.





6. Billy Boy Finds His Fortune

A little way down the road
they saw a pretty white house.

“See that big white house.
We will go there for the night,”
said Billy Boy.

“Oh, Billy Boy, Billy Boy!
Some one may live in that house,”
said the cow, who was afraid.



Then the cat jumped up
and looked in at the window.

Soon she came back and said,
“No one lives in the house,
no one lives there.”

Then Billy Boy and his friends
went into the house for the night.



When morning came, Billy Boy
went to the window and looked out.

There was a pretty garden,
and in the pretty garden
was a big apple tree
with red apples on it.

“Oh, friends, my fortune is here!”
said Billy Boy. “It is here,
and here I will live.”

“My big house, my pretty garden,
and my good friends are my fortune.”

Please Answer

What is your name?

How old are you?

Where do you live?

Do you go to school?

Do your brothers go to school?

Do you ride to school?

Do you walk to school?

Is your school near your home?

Do you sing in school?

What songs do you sing?

What is the name of your school?

Where is your school?

Is your home far from here?

Read Quickly

One time
Come here
That time
Some one
came back
far away
his friends
they went
jumped up
are going
sing songs
to school
Just then
How many

Once there was
When morning came
far from here
bark and bark
Once there were
for the night
at the window
to the ground
on the ground
Once two boys
kick and kick
from a duck
a pretty garden
to throw stones



Little Red Apple

Once two boys went out to play
near a pretty apple tree.

The tree was all covered
with little red apples.

They saw a little red apple
fall to the ground and roll away.



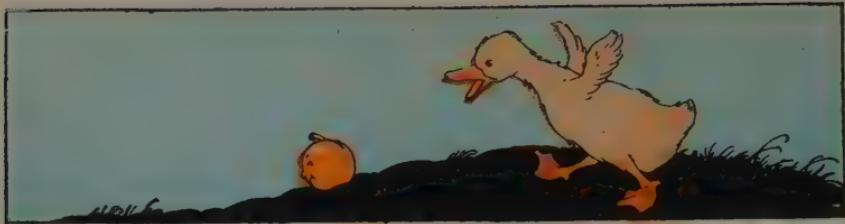
They ran after the apple
and called to it,
“Stop, stop, Little Red Apple!
We want to eat you.
We want to eat you.”
“No, no, I will not stop,”
said Little Red Apple.
And it rolled away and away.

Just then Little Red Apple
came to a little old man.

The little old man
ran after the apple and called,
“Stop, stop, Little Red Apple!
I want to eat you.
I want to eat you.”

Little Red Apple called back,
“No, no, I will not stop.
I rolled away from two little boys,
And I can roll away from you too,
Mr. Man, Mr. Man,
I can, I can, I can!”

And Little Red Apple
rolled away and away.



Soon it came to a duck.

The duck ran after it and called,
“Stop, stop, Little Red Apple!
I want to eat you.
I want to eat you.”

But Little Red Apple
called back to the duck,
“No, no, Duck, I will not stop.
I rolled away from two little boys,
And from a little old man,
And I can roll away from you too,
I can, I can, I can!”



A fox went out for a walk and saw
Little Red Apple roll by.

He ran after it and called out,
“Stop, stop, Little Red Apple!
I want to eat you.
I want to eat you.”

“No, no, Fox, I will not stop.
I rolled away from two little boys,
From a little old man,
And from a duck,
And I can roll away from you too,
I can, I can, I can!”



Just then a little girl
saw Red Apple roll by.
“Oh, please, please stop,
Pretty Little Red Apple!
I want you. I want you.”



Then Little Red Apple stopped
and said, "Little Girl, Little Girl,
I rolled away from two little boys,
From a little old man,
And from a duck and a fox.
But I will stop, Little Girl,
I will not roll away from you."

Read. Think. Answer

When did Billy Boy go away?

How many friends went with him?

What noise did they hear?

What made the noise?

What made the wolf go away?

How many friends had two feet?

How many friends had four feet?

What was his fortune?

What did the dog do for Billy Boy?

What did the cat do for Billy Boy?

Of what use was the hen?

Of what use was the cow?

Of what use was the pony?



The Dark Place

Once there was a dark place.

It was a very, very dark place.

All the birds were talking about it.

All the bees were talking about it.

And the wind was talking about it too.

One day a bird said,

“I will go and see the dark place.”

So off he flew to find it.

The bird came back and said,

“Yes, yes, it is a dark place.”



Then a bee said, "I will go
and find the dark place too."
So off he flew to find it.
Soon the bee came back and said,
"Yes, yes, it is a very dark place."



Then the wind said, "I will go
and see the very dark place."
So off he went with his "Oo, oo, oo!"
to find the very dark place.

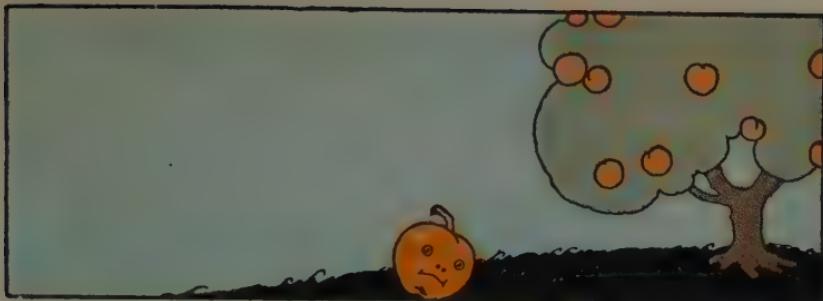
When the wind came back, he said,
"Yes, it is a very, very dark place."



Then the sun said, "I will go
and find the very dark place."

So off went the sun
to find the dark, dark place.

When the sun came back, he said,
"I looked and looked and looked,
but I did not find the dark place."



Read. Think. Answer

How many boys were playing?

Where were the boys playing?

What kind of tree did they see?

How many apples did they see fall?

When they saw the apple fall,

what did they do?

What did the little old man do?

What did the duck do?

What did the fox do?

When did Little Red Apple stop?



The Bird House

One day Peter and his father
made a bird house.

They put it up in a tree
in the garden.

Two little birds soon came
to live in the bird house.

They made a soft, round nest.

Peter and Polly saw the birds
at work on the nest.

Every morning the birds
flew about the garden
and sang as they worked.

One day Peter and Polly
saw four eggs in the nest.

Soon after this they went
to see Grandmother.

They were away three days.

When they came home, Mother said,
“Guess what is in the bird house.”

“Eggs,” said Polly.

“Baby birds,” said Peter.

“Look in the nest and see.”

They looked in the bird house,
and there were four baby birds.



The Ride to Sleepy Town

Every night and every night
Dark Pony galloped off
to the gates of Sleepy Town.

Every night and every night
he took every good little boy
and every good little girl
for a ride to Sleepy Town.

One night when Dark Pony
galloped off, he said, "I am going
to the gates of Sleepy Town."



Peter saw Dark Pony go by
and he called out,

“Whoa, Dark Pony, whoa!
Please, please let me go.”

Then Dark Pony stopped,
and up jumped Peter on his back.

And away they went galloping—
galloping—galloping—galloping.



Just then Polly ran up and said,

“I want to go too.

Please take me with you.”

Dark Pony stopped again,
and up jumped Polly behind Peter.

And away they went galloping—
galloping—galloping—galloping.



On they went and by and by
they met Little Black Dog.

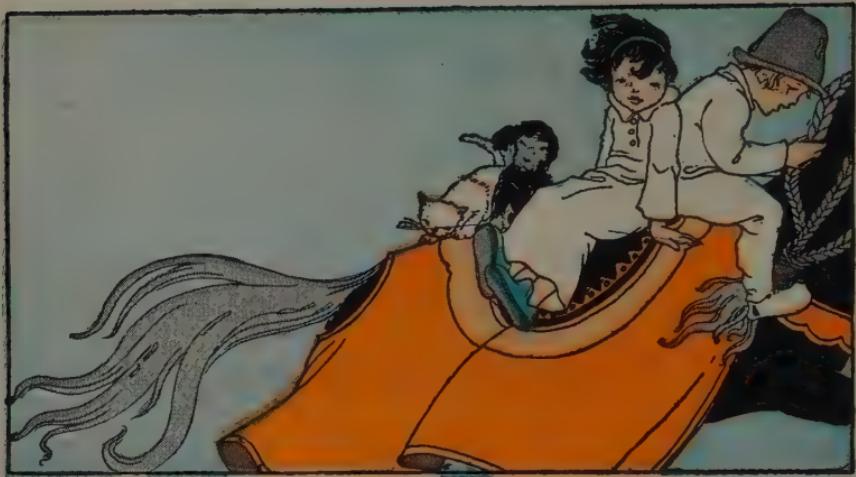
He began to bark,

“Bow-wow, bow-wow!

Please take me now.”

Dark Pony stopped
and up jumped Little Black Dog
behind Polly.

And away they went galloping—
galloping—galloping—galloping.



Soon they met Wee Pussy Cat,
who called out,
“Meow, meow!
Please take me now.”

Again Dark Pony stopped.
Up jumped Wee Pussy Cat
behind Little Black Dog.
And away they went galloping—
galloping—galloping—galloping.



By and by they met Red Rooster
and he began to crow,
“Cock-a-doodle-doo!

Please take me too.”

So Dark Pony stopped again.
Up jumped Red Rooster
behind Wee Pussy Cat.
And away they went galloping—
galloping—galloping—galloping.



Soon they met Brown Hen.

She called out,

“Cluck, cluck! Cluck, cluck!

Take me for good luck.”

Dark Pony stopped, and up jumped
Brown Hen behind Red Rooster.

And away they went galloping—
galloping—galloping—galloping.



Polly was behind Peter,
Little Black Dog behind Polly,
Pussy Cat behind Little Black Dog,
Red Rooster behind Wee Pussy Cat,
and Brown Hen behind Red Rooster.

And each one bowed his head,
and each one sang his song,
as they went galloping along.



The song grew soft and sweet.
Each head bowed down, down, down,
as Dark Pony galloped up
to the gates of Sleepy Town,
to the gates of Sleepy Town,
of Sleepy Town,
of Sleepy Town,
of Sleepy Town.

Read Quickly

What kind When they came
Where is On they went
Did they And each one
This time grew and grew
He got up talking about it
flew about and there were
a dark place for good luck
were talking Please let me
good luck Please take me
bowed down sang his song
Soon the bee bowed his head
Each head one of them
was named to the right
grew soft right behind her



The Guessing Game

Peter and Polly played games.
They liked the guessing game.

Peter said, "It is my turn.
The last time we played
you had your turn first."

"You are right, Peter.
Take your turn first now,
and let me do the guessing."

Then the guessing game began.

Peter

They are good to eat.

They are a pretty yellow.

They grow in the garden.

They hide down in the ground.

Mother says they are good
for little boys to eat.

Father says they are good
for little girls to eat.

Polly

Carrots! Carrots! Carrots!

I do not like them,
but Mother wants me to eat them.

Peter

Your guess is right, Polly.

Let me do the guessing now.

Polly

It is big, very big.

It is far, far away.

Some days it hides from us.

Now and then it hides from us
for days and days at a time.

It is round. It is yellow.

Peter

Is it a big yellow apple?

Polly

No, Peter! Now, think, think!

Then make your guess.

We do not see it at night.

We see it in the day.

It is going down now.

Peter, look out of the window!



Peter

Oh, it is the sun, Polly !
It is the big, round sun.

Polly

You have made the right guess
at last, Peter.

See ! The big, round sun !
It is going down, down, down.



The Idle Girl

A pretty little girl named Betty
lived with her mother.

She had great big blue eyes
and soft yellow curls.

This little girl had a dolly.
Her dolly had big blue eyes
and soft yellow curls too.

When her friends saw Betty,
they said, "She is so pretty.
See her great big blue eyes
and her soft yellow curls.
Oh, oh, see the dolly too!
The dolly is like Betty."

Now this pretty little girl
wanted to play all the time.
She did not like to work.

Betty wanted to play out of doors.
She liked the sun and the wind.
She liked to talk to the birds,
the bees, and the flowers.

One morning her mother called her.
The little girl ran into the house.

Her mother said, " Betty,
I want to talk to you.
You are a very idle girl.
Many little boys work.
Many little girls work,
but you are idle all the time.
I want you to help me."
" Oh, Mother, let me play now!
Please let me go out of doors.
When I come back to the house
I will help you work."
Mother said, " Go, Little Girl.
You may play in the garden first,
but come back soon to help me.
I want you to help me work."



The little girl took her dolly
and ran off to the garden to play.
She sat down by some yellow flowers.
Betty said, "I like the garden.
It is a pretty place to play.
I like the bees and flowers.
I like to hear the birds sing."

Soon Betty stopped playing
and ran off to the woods.

She sat down in the woods
and began to look about her.
She saw some squirrels at work.
She saw some birds flying about.
She liked the great big trees
and the pretty blue flowers.

Betty said, "I like the woods.
The flowers are so pretty.
The trees are so big.
The wind is so soft.
I want to play here all day.
I do not want to work.
I like to be idle."



A red squirrel ran up a tree.
Then he ran down the tree.
Betty said, "Little Red Squirrel,
please stop and play with me.
You do not have to work.
You do not have to help your mother."

The little red squirrel said,
“I work every day, Little Girl.
I work for my baby squirrels
in that nest in the tree.
I have no time for play.
I have no time to be idle.”

Just then a bee flew by.
“Little Bee, Little Bee,
please stop and play with me.
You do not have to work.
You do not have to help your mother.”

The little bee said,
“I am working now, Little Girl.
I have no time for play.
I have no time to be idle.”

Just then Betty saw a bird.
"Little Bird, please play with me.
You do not have to work.
You do not have to help your mother."

The bird said, "Little Girl,
I have to make my nest.
I have no time for play."

Then Betty ran home and said,
"Mother, the little squirrels work.
The birds and bees work too.
I do not want to be idle.
Mother, let me help you."



WORD LIST

Parentheses around a word indicate that some form of that word has previously been used.

1 mother and baby sat by the cradle was in sang bye shut your little eye	3 Peter 4 Polly dolly her to my 5 sister I want you will wake	8 stand behind 9 apple man girl is down street boy 10 a sweet red who buy	(come) 13 came 14 draw big make it 15 guess again grandmother door voice hide 16 me no 17 then
	6		
2 father called said	7 kissed am coming	11 eat 12 good	
		118	

18	25	33	38
one	read	think	sleepy
day	26	open	not
away	play	34	39
oh	are	answer	but
dear	go	what	hear
near	27	did	40
19 brother	seek	kind	dog
	looked	of	bow-wow
20	saw	have	head
	she	35	that
21	28	walked	41
	out	went	cock-a-
22	he	when	doodle-doo
ran	please	36	still
home	29	house	42
	covered	morning	cluck
	his	too	43
23	yes	37	cat
	30	rooster	meow
24	up	crows	44
see	31	hen	wind
do	two	lays	45
sit	three	eggs	sun
sing	where	for	shone
put	32	cup	woke

<u>46</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>62</u>	afraid
<u>47</u>	<u>57</u>	duck	stopped
may	first	road	
be	how	just	<u>70</u>
<u>48</u>	him	friends	can
	made	<u>63</u>	throw
<u>49</u>	pretty	<u>64</u>	stones
hill		quack	bark
on	<u>58</u>	last	
brown			<u>71</u>
windows	<u>59</u>		kick
<u>50</u>	Billy	<u>65</u>	<u>72</u>
quickly	fortune	pony	great
<u>51</u>	had	cow	noise
wee	so		we
there	off	<u>66</u>	wolf
all		ride	far
with	<u>60</u>	back	
roses	way	thank	<u>73</u>
child	met	jumped	Mr.
white	black		began
<u>52</u>	(going)	<u>67</u>	
	along	moo	<u>74</u>
<u>53</u>	followed	<u>68</u>	
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<u>54</u>	<u>61</u>	night	into
	they	dark	
<u>55</u>	pussy	very	<u>76</u>
			finds
			some
			live

77	84	94	102
at		soft	luck
soon	85	round	
78	fox	nest	103
garden	86	work	each
tree			bowed
here	87	95	
79		every	104
name	88	as	grew
old	feet	this	
school	four	96	105
songs	use	town	got
from	89	galloped	them
80	place	gates	right
time	birds	took	
were	talking	97	106
many	about	whoa	game
once	bees	let	liked
ground	flew	98	turn
81	90	take	
fall		99	107
roll	91	now	yellow
82	92	100	grow
after			says
83	93	101	carrots
			108
			us
			109

110	111	114	116
Betty	flowers	woods	—
idle	112	squirrels	117
blue	help	flying	—
curls	113	115	
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